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--7. A method of assembling a device suitable for suspending from a user's neck a recorder having a shaft and a mouthpiece, the method comprising the steps of:
procuring a strap suitable for hanging around the user's neck;
procuring a ring that fits snugly around the shaft of the recorder below the mouthpiece; and
attaching the strap to the ring.--

--8. The method of claim 7 wherein attaching is by tying a knot.--

REMARKS

Claim 6 was pending prior to this amendment.

Claim 6 has been canceled, and its rejections have thus been rendered moot.

New claims 7-8 have been added and are now pending. Reconsideration is requested.

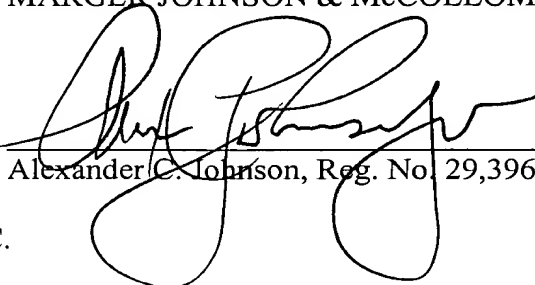
The specification as it presently stands (filed by the Applicant as a substitute specification on June 2, 1997) has been objected to in prior Office Actions under 35 USC § 132 on the basis that some portions ("or other object", "a few thousandths of an inch", "thin cloth" and "a simple over-hand knot") were new matter. The Applicant has deleted these contested portions without prejudice.

The specification as it presently stands was newly objected to on the basis that it includes new matter, namely methods that do not appear in the originally filed specification. It is believed that the new objection has been made moot by cancellation of claim 6. The Applicant has amended the specification by adding back to it verbatim the text appearing under section "e. Operation of Invention" of the originally filed specification. New claims 7-8 find direct support in the amended specification, which is now consistent with the original specification.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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